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KBI and partner agencies recover \$350,000 in drugs

TOPEKA – Today, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) announced a successful multi-agency drug enforcement operation that led to the arrest of a Pittsburg man and the recovery of illegal substances with an estimated street value of \$350,000.

This morning at approximately 8:40 a.m., law enforcement agencies served a search warrant at a residence at 1108 South Joplin in Pittsburg. Austin Gossett, W/M, from Pittsburg, age 24, was arrested on the charge of Possession of Controlled Substances with the Intent to Distribute.

Recovered at the residence were approximately 2.5 kilograms of MDMA in tablet form (also known as Ecstasy) and 2.5 kilograms of MDMA in powder form (also referred to as Molly). The Ecstasy seized is estimated to have a street value of \$100,000, and the Molly has an approximate value of \$250,000.

The investigation began last week and was conducted by the KBI, the Pittsburg Police Department, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, the Kansas Department of Revenue - Alcohol Beverage Control (KDOR-ABC) and the Department of Homeland Security - Homeland Security Investigations (DHS-HSI).

The KBI's mission in proactive narcotics operations like these is to partner with all relevant and impacted agencies in an effort to reduce the availability and distribution of drugs in Kansas.

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